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Main Entry: **1**han dle Pronunciation: 'han-d^lFunction: *noun*

Etymology: Middle English *handel*, from Old English *handle*; akin to Old English *hand*

1 : a part that is designed especially to be grasped by the hand


2 : something that resembles a handle


3 a : **TITLE** **8 b** : **NAME**; also : **NICKNAME**

4 : **HAND** **11c**

5 : the total amount of money bet on a race, game, or event

6 : a means of understanding or controlling <can't quite get a *handle* on things>

- **han dled**  /-d^ld/ *adjective*

- **han dle less**  /-d^l- (l) & s/ *adjective*

- **off the handle** : into a state of sudden and violent anger -- usually used with *fly*

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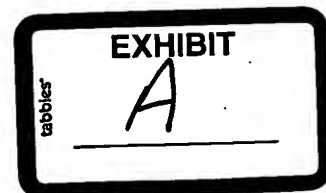
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